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TO: { Directors Of Field Operations, Port Directors }

FROM: { Director AD/CVD & Revenue Policy & Programs }

RE: INITIATION OF ANTIDUMPING DUTY INVESTIGATIONS OF CERTAIN APERTURE MASKS FROM JAPAN AND SOUTH KOREA (A-588-848 AND A-580-838)

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TO: DIRECTORS OF FIELD OPERATIONS PORT DIRECTORS

FROM: DIRECTOR, IMPORT OPERATIONS

RE: INITIATION OF ANTIDUMPING DUTY INVESTIGATIONS OF CERTAIN APERTURE MASKS FROM JAPAN AND SOUTH KOREA (A-588-848 AND A-580-838)

- ON MARCH 22, 1999, THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE PUBLISHED IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER (64 FR 13768) ITS NOTICE OF INITIATION OF ANTIDUMPING DUTY INVESTIGATIONS OF CERTAIN APERTURE MASKS FROM JAPAN AND SOUTH KOREA.
- 2. FOR PURPOSES OF THESE INVESTIGATIONS, THE PRODUCTS COVERED CONSIST OF ALL APERTURE MASKS (ALSO KNOWN AS ``SHADOW MASKS") MADE FROM ALUMINUM-KILLED, OPEN-COIL ANNEALED STEEL (DECARBURIZED) (KNOWN GENERALLY AS ``AK STEEL") FOR COLOR

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PICTURE TUBES ("CPTS") USED IN TELEVISION SETS. AK STEEL INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING TYPES OF STEEL: LOW CARBON, AF (ANNEALING-FREE) STEEL, AK TYPE A STEEL (COMMONLY REFERRED TO AS AKM STEEL), AK TYPE B STEEL, AND GENERAL AK STEEL. THE APERTURE MASKS COVERED BY THE SCOPE GENERALLY HAVE A VERTICAL PITCH (DISTANCE BETWEEN THE CENTERS OF TWO APERTURES) OF GREATER THAN .28MM. SPECIFICALLY EXCLUDED FROM THE SCOPE ARE THE FOLLOWING PRODUCTS: (1) APERTURE MASKS MADE FROM FENI 36 ALLOY (WHETHER SOLD UNDER THE BRAND NAMES INVAR, INOVAR OR LLTE); (2) APERTURE MASKS THAT HAVE A VERTICAL PITCH OF LESS THAN .28 MM THAT ARE GENERALLY USED FOR COLOR DISPLAY TUBES ("CDTS") USED IN COMPUTER MONITORS; AND (3) GRILLE MASKS (A GRILLE MASK REPLACES THE SLOTS IN AN APERTURE MASK WITH AN ARRAY OF FINELY TENSIONED VERTICAL WIRES). THE MERCHANDISE SUBJECT TO THESE INVESTIGATIONS IS CLASSIFIABLE UNDER 8540.91.50 OF THE HARMONIZED TARIFF SCHEDULE OF THE UNITED STATES ("HTSUS"). ALTHOUGH THE HTSUS SUBHEADING IS PROVIDED FOR CONVENIENCE AND CUSTOMS PURPOSES. THE WRITTEN DESCRIPTION OF THE MERCHANDISE IS DISPOSITIVE.

- 3. FOR FURTHER REPORTING PURPOSES THESE CASES HAVE BEEN ASSIGNED INVESTIGATION NUMBERS A-588-848 AND A-580-838.
- 4. IF THERE ARE ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS MATTER BY CUSTOMS OFFICERS, PLEASE CONTACT VIA E-MAIL, THROUGH THE APPROPRIATE SUPERVISORY CHANNELS, OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCY LIAISON, USING THE ATTRIBUTE "HQ OAB." THE IMPORTING PUBLIC AND OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES SHOULD CONTACT MARK ROSS, OFFICE OF AD/CVD ENFORCEMENT, IMPORT ADMINISTRATION, INTERNATIONAL TRADE ADMINISTRATION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, AT (202) 482-4794.
- 5. THERE ARE NO RESTRICTIONS ON THE RELEASE OF THIS INFORMATION.

PAUL SCHWARTZ

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\*Party Indicator Value:

I = Importer, M = Manufacturer, E = Exporter, S = Sold To Party

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